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Victoria, B. C., April, 1873.

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from 28 February, 1872 to

27 February, 1873.

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The Daily Standard

Thursday, June 5, 1873.

City Council.

A meeting of the City Council was held last night. Present: His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and the following Councillors: Gowen, Taylor, Hayward, Keast, Morton and Drummond.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Permission was granted to H. Passerod for the use of Government street, between Cornmarket and Johnson for the erection of a new building.

An application from Charles Pagden applying for an appointment as constable, was received and laid upon the table for further consideration.

A communication from Mr. John Garneau asking for an advance of \$150 on account of arrears, in the course of which the Mayor in the chair, and the following Councillors: Gowen, Taylor, Hayward, Keast, Morton and Drummond.

A letter from the late messenger to the Council—Mr. Force—appearing to the board for some consideration at their hands on account of the abrupt manner in which his services were dispensed with, without notice on his part, was on motion received and filed.

With reference to the repairing of Washington Alley, adjoining the property of Messrs. Lelair and Oliver, their agents informed the Council that in one instance Mr. Waddington had sold the property with an exclusive right to himself of the road way, and in the other that the alley had always been regarded as a public street, and that any repairs should be made to be made at the expense of the Council.

The question was raised as to whether Washington Alley was a public highway or not, and on motion the Council decided to resolve to take legal advice upon the point.

ACCOUNTS.

Thos. Craigie, \$11; William Smithers, \$12; Joseph Hamilton, \$11; Geo. Wilkison, \$11.50; H. F. Heisterman, \$30; Hibben & Co., \$31.37; John Black, \$2.50; Charles Hall, \$3; Moody, Dietz & Co., \$32.41; Arthur Strong, \$40; W. K. Bull, \$50.

The above accounts were referred to the Finance Committee for payment if found correct.

CITY WARDS.

Councillor Keast moved, in accordance with notice of motion, for a committee to be appointed to divide the city into wards, and also for the division of the number of Councillors for the representation of the same.

Seconded by Councillor Hayward, who thought that the Councillors could be increased to ten in number.

Councillor Gowen said that owing to there being at present but three wards the number of Councillors must, in a spirit of fairness to them all round, be either two each or three each. He would like to see each ward fully represented, and hoped the Council would take the question into consideration and report their recommendations.

Councillor Drummond thought that the representation should be regulated by the population of the wards.

The motion was carried, and His Worship appointed Councillors Keast, Hayward, and Morton as the said Committee.

INDUSTRIAL CATTLE.

The Clerk called the attention of the Council to the sale of cattle, not being claimed within the time advertised, but afterwards identified by the owner. On motion, it was resolved to hand over the balance on the sale of the cattle upon proper evidence being given as to the ownership.

BY-LAW.

The "Street By-Law" was finally passed and ordered to be published in due course.

THE WATER QUESTION.

Councillor Drummond moved that a Communication be addressed to the Spring Ridge Water Company to the effect that in the month of January, 1873, permission was given by the City Council to lay down pipes in the city—when it was expressly stipulated that the Fire Department should be supplied with water free of charge, and such stipulation having been observed up to the present time, it is presumed that the Spring Ridge Water Company were not aware, when they addressed a letter to the Chief Engineer of the V. F. D. stating that a charge of \$150 per month would be made in future—of the existence of the said stipulation, and that they will now see the propriety of continuing the supply to the V. F. D. as heretofore; and further, that they be informed that in the event of fire, should any damage take place from the short supply of water, they will be held responsible for the same.

Councillor Taylor was inclined to think that the Water Company could "shut down" when they liked.

Councillor Morton thought so too, but the question now was as to the supplying the Fire Department.

Councillor Hayward said that there could be no doubt that the Water Company were bound to supply the Department in perpetuity, the Corporation having made a contract with the City Council to lay down pipes to the supply to private individuals, hotels, &c.

Councillor Morton said that the Water Company differed from the Gas Company in this respect—Councillor Taylor having placed them on the same footing—the former were bound to supply the Fire Department with water, but the Gas Company were not (laughter). The motion was then carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

His Worship called the attention of the Council to the want of a boat for the City Police. Several cargoes of whiskey had been lost on this account.

Councillor Drummond moved that the Government be applied to for the transfer of the boat used by the police when under the Government; it ought to have been handed over with the rest of the paraphernalia. Carried.

VIEW STREET DRAIN.

Councillor Gowen wished to know what action the Council were prepared to take in the repair of this drain?

Councillor Hayward said it certainly wanted repair and it must be done at once; he would suggest that a new cedar-wood drain be laid, and tenders be invited for the same. In the meantime, he would move that a man be employed to remove the soil in order to ascertain what amount of excavation would be necessary for the construction of the drain. Carried.

Councillor Gowen laid some action ought to be taken with reference to the future supply of water for citizens; they were dependent upon the Corporation for making some sort of arrangement for them, and it would not do to let it go abroad that Victoria was without water. All insurance policies would be withdrawn, and in many other ways the lack of water would prove detrimental to the city. He would move that a subsidy of \$1,500 be offered to any party or parties who would supply the city with pure and wholesome water until such time as the city shall have their works in order.

Councillor Drummond thought that the discontinuance of the water now being supplied would rather be a gain to the city than otherwise—certainly in a point of health it would for the Corporation for making some sort of arrangement for them, and it would not do to let it go abroad that Victoria was without water. All insurance policies would be withdrawn, and in many other ways the lack of water would prove detrimental to the city. He would move that a subsidy of \$1,500 be offered to any party or parties who would supply the city with pure and wholesome water until such time as the city shall have their works in order.

know very well that the Water Co. were only playing a game of "bluff"; they would very much like, no doubt, to have a subsidy offered, but he was totally opposed to the proposition. In the course of time the Water Co. would die a natural death, and he would not agree to paying a subsidy to them for the use of their rotten pipes.

Councillor Gowen could not conceive how the last speakers had thought that his motion was any allusion to the Spring Ridge Water Co., for the very wording of the same said "pure and wholesome water," they could not, in the name of conscience, give their funds such a misnomer.

The motion was not seconded and the matter then dropped.

POLICE FORCE.

Councillor Morton moved to augment the city police force by engaging another constable and promoting the constable who had been longest in the service to the rank of sergeant. The Inspector of Police had urged the necessity of this action, and it was no doubt required. Carried.

It was also resolved to request the Inspector of the motion and reform him to employ an additional constable at once, his appointment being subject to the approbation of the Council.

THE CITY WATER WORKS.

Councillor Morton wished to know what progress was being made in respect to the report from the Commissioner of a weekly report of the works, and keeping the proceeds private only tended to impress a want of confidence and doubtless to injure the sale of the debentures.

Mr. Commissioner Robinson said that he had information, but it would be very rash at present to make the same public, and it would influence compensation to be made.

Councillor Morton, quoted at length from the Act, and said that any disputed case of compensation were to be in all cases referred to arbitration. Disputes should not be allowed to hinder the progress of the work.

The Commissioner said that the Act only permitted a survey of the land being made—it did not allow any other interference with property; clearance was not permitted. He had taken legal advice upon the question and had acted upon it.

Councillor Taylor said that if the Corporation had not the power to remove obstructions to the construction of the works they would never build the works at all, and the sooner they proceeded to pull up dams and other things in the way the better.

Councillor Morton said an arbitrator should most assuredly be appointed at once.

The Commissioner, in reply to a Councillor, said he was prepared to advertise for the necessary water pipes, but that the information to be obtained from the point was so voluminous that a certain length of time was necessarily consumed for its proper development and working.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE?

A long discussion then arose upon going into Committee of the Whole upon Quarantine matters, and upon the question being put, the resolution was carried to sit in Committee.

A Wall Over a Lost Cause.—The Bowery Boy Rampant.

Now and again comes a wall from the exile from the Bowery, whose boast is "I'm an American"—and who, by the way, is one Higgins—about receiving Government printing, forgetting that the Government printing was less than a year since in the hands of "the organ," and during that time short though it was, the "plunder" amounted to a sum equal to that paid by the Standard within a year. The Standard tendered for the Government advertising and got it, just as it gets the advertising patronage of three-fourths of the general public, for adopting a course that was once adopted by the Colonist when that journal had at its head one with brains, or in other words, a headless tool, a bit of plastic putty or dough with a little more money than brains. But rumor has it, which may account for yesterday's outburst, that matters are getting very serious with our contemporary, hence the article in yesterday's issue, which was not only would put into print. And yet we have it that the circulation has doubled within a year (suspect fact, coming from such a source). Shall we judge relative circulation by the relative advertising patronage? If we should it would unfold a tale. For example, four recent consecutive issues of the Colonist contained two new advertisements, and one of these was sent forth from this office. What was it? It was a notice in a newspaper that appeared to be held merely to blackmail and to blacken the character of respectable people, and to seek to bring them on a level with blackguards such as is the author of an article in yesterday's Colonist, headed "The Public Advertising and the Premier's Office." Is this the fellow, we would ask? We will answer, one who left his country for his country's good, and when he shall have left once more, it will be for the good of that too. A word to the wise is sufficient, and it is appealed to to investigate over and over again the grievances that we have heard of recently. This same Legislature will estimate the value and influence of the Colonist as it did during the last session, and those who have with this same Colonist will all be found in a very small minority indeed. The proprietors of the Colonist—we understand there are several Co's among them—in all honesty should drop the role they at present follow, and may be their subscribers won't continue, as they do at present, to "drop their paper."

Lower Mainland.

An official notice shows that as many land claims were taken up in New Westminster district during April and May as had been taken up during the whole of the previous year; and the cry is still "They come!"

The City Council of New Westminster were to know how the Police Court fees are to be appropriated.

The Sophie D. will sail from the Inlet in ten days for Callio; the Joseph Fish will leave for same destination on Wednesday next.

A large number of Indians, who have been attending religious services at St. Mary's Mission during the past week have arrived down on their way home.

The settlers on the South Arm have prepared a petition to the Government for the survey of a road from the Gulf of Georgia to New Westminster. The petition bears numerous signatures, including all the respectable settlers of the locality.

The New Westminster Guardian states that settlers are arriving by every steamer to locate in the beautiful valley of the Fraser.

After the New Westminster Council adjourned on Monday evening, they sat as an executive committee on the Semiahmoo road question. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Government asking the prompt commencement of the work.

Police Court.—Charles and Annie, Indians, arrested by Constables McKean and Bloomfield, and charged with being drunk and disorderly, were fined \$5 each, or in default six hours imprisonment.

Dangerous.—The City Council should repair a broken plank in the centre of James' Bay Bridge, which renders traffic across the same dangerous.

Quarantine.—The suit brought against the City Council by Mr. Astoria is progressing gaily.

Meteorological.

The following Meteorological report for the month of May, is herewith published for general information.

W. H. Davis, Meteorological Observer. Registrar Station, June 3, 1873.

1st.—Mild and cloudy with light breeze during the forenoon, wind at east; evening, wind to S.W., and then W.; barometer, rising with light breezes and clear weather.

2nd.—Strong S.W. wind and cloudy, with rain at times, during a.m. about noon wind suddenly chopped round to N., with a squall of rain and hail, then back to S.E., S.W. and finally W. with moderate breeze, and barometer rising slowly.

3rd to 4th.—Fresh breeze and cloudy with rain to 5th. S.W. and W. with fresh breezes from W., during forenoon squalls observed passing from W. to S.E., wind backed to S.W., blew up fresh with barometer rising very high.

5th to 7th.—Usually cold for the season, min. temp. on 7th 30°, general variable, but in the afternoon it goes to the southward with light breezes and pleasant weather.

8th to 10th.—Mild and pleasant with light breeze from N.W. to N.E., which early in the forenoon generally turned into strong warm land breeze until late in the afternoon, when the wind chopped to the southward with light breezes and pleasant weather.

10th.—Moderate breeze and clear weather. 11th.—Mild and hazy with fresh breeze from S.W. and W., and cloudy weather.

12th.—Strong S.W. winds and hazy during a.m.; at 2 p.m. the weather cleared off with fresh breezes at 4 p.m.

13th to 15th.—Mild and cloudy with light breezes generally from N. to N.E., veering to S.W. and backing to S.E., and finally veering to W. with fresh breezes during the afternoon of each day.

16th to 17th.—Mild and cloudy with wind backing and veering between S.E. and S.W., and rain fell at 1:30 a.m. on 17th.

18th to 21.—Milder and colder at times, wind variable between S.E. and W., at which point the weather was the strongest, light drizzling rain at times during each day.

22nd to 24th.—Moderate breeze and generally clear weather, wind variable between S.W. and W.

25th.—Weather milder with fresh S.W. winds and rain, until 3 p.m., when it ceased and cleared off fine.

26th to 27th.—Unusually cold for the season, moderate at times, strong breezes from S.W. and W., wind during 26th having great violence at times.

27th.—Moderate from the same points in the forenoon, heavy clouds observed in P.M. working to N. and N.E. showing rain in the distance, backed to N.W. and W. about noon, a slight shower fell, then cleared off with light S.W. winds.

28th to 29th.—Moderate breezes and rainy weather.

30th.—Cloudy with light breezes, generally from the north, and rain dispensed with.

31st.—Moderate breezes and cloudy with rain at times during the day, wind variable; barometer has been unusually fluctuating.

Maximum of barometer, 30° 28". Minimum of barometer, 29° 17". Minimum of thermometer, 30°.

Average temp. of spring season by day, 70°. Average temp. of spring season by night, 50°. Rain fall during the month, 55 in. Number of days on which rain fell, 11.

Prevailing winds in the harbor during the month, north to north-east, and south south-east and west.

Langley—Election of Councillors.

Precisely at 12 o'clock noon on Monday last, Mr. Newton, Returning Officer, called on the electors to nominate Councillors for the Municipality of Langley. The following were then nominated, viz: Mr. A. Inis, Mr. Freeman, Mr. McKie, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Clark, Mr. Houston. No further nominations were offered. The Returning Officer then declared the above named gentlemen duly elected. The whole proceeding were conducted in a quiet and orderly manner, and the result of the vote of thanks to the Returning Officer and the meeting then dispersed.

An eminent London oculist was recently requested to operate upon two grizzly bears of the Zoological Gardens, for cataract. Chloroform was administered, and the operation was successful, and, unluckily, one of the patients recovered from the effects of the chloroform, and considerably mauled his keeper. Some time after the same oculist was asked to operate on one of the tigers, but he respectfully declined the proposal, saying that he did not like to be in the same way as he did at a grizzly bear.

The Clinton Disaster.—A telegram to the N.W. Herald puts the losses sustained in the Clinton disaster as follows:—Mr. Foster, who is by far the heaviest loser, estimates his loss at \$30,000; James Murie, dam and dam, \$1,000; Mr. Hoy, damage by water, \$2,000; Mr. Smith, building damaged to the tune of \$1,000. Several other families were obliged to leave their houses, but will sustain little loss from water.

To be Sold.—The bark Alothea, which a few weeks since encountered such severe weather off Cape Flattery that she was compelled to put back to harbor waterlogged and badly strained, is shortly to be sold by public auction. Her cargo, consisting of some 400,000 feet of lumber from the Hastings mill, and which she was taking to China, will be dealt with in a like manner.

PETIT LANCY.—On Tuesday last some petty thief entered the saloon of Mr. W. Collock at Esquimalt, and stole four carved panels from a billiard table standing there. The theft greatly disgraces the table, and as the party is known to the proprietor of the saloon, it will be well for him to redeem his character by returning the stolen property.

CAPTAIN KENNEDY, of Her Majesty's ship Reindeer, gave all the assistance he could after the San Salvador earthquake, and offered her for the use of Mr. Biddell, the United States Minister. The latter, as well as the government, returned letters of thanks to Captain Kennedy.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with the lower Fraser mails and the following passengers: Captain Reid, Messrs. Ficht, Oppenheimer, Cochran, Reid, Messrs. G. A. Russell, G. Lewis, and W. Humphrey.

A NORFOLK.—Mr. Chivers, of Esquimalt, imported per last steamer from San Francisco a parakeet, which he ordered from Canada. It is splendidly colored, and will prove most luxurious for its "living freight." Mr. Chivers made a present of it to a friend.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Miffin W. Gibbs, formerly of Victoria, is now an Attorney and Counselor-at-law, practicing at Markham street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY STANDARD.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

EASTERN STATES.

St. Louis, June 3.—Professor O'Donovan of the Christian Brothers Academy in this city, was drowned yesterday several miles from town. Mr. O'Donovan was quite a young man, and son of the distinguished O'Donovan of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

EUROPE.

Madrid, June 3.—Señor Pierrad has resigned the Ministry of War to which he had been appointed *ad interim*.

The Government has received numerous despatches from provinces, congratulating it on the speech made by the President, Figueras, at the opening of the Construction Assembly.

BATON ROUGE, June 3.—The Carlians who hold possession of the Northern Railway in Spain, have signed a convention by which the resumption of railway traffic will be permitted. Spanish authorities agreeing to neutralization of the line from Miranda de Ebro to the frontier.

For this concession the company pay the Carlians \$200 a day.

PARIS, June 3.—President McMahon has issued a proclamation to the army, in which he chose the President of the Republic in from you, which were the confidence of the National Assembly have in your loyalty. The President has also issued an order and appointed Gen. L'Amiral to command the army at Versailles.

LONDON, June 3.—The report that the Hongkong and Shanghai cable had broken has been contradicted.

BRUXELLES, June 3.—Austrian chieftains have appeared in two villages in West Prussia, it has been communicated from Prussian Poland. A rigorous quarantine of the infected district has been established.

LONDON, June 3.—The strike by employees of the Western Railroad Company commenced yesterday; some eight hundred men quit work.

The strike by the carpenters of this city is at an end.

CANADA.

HALIFAX, June 3.—News has been received here of the attack on the missionary ship Day Spring in the New Hebrides. The vessel was built ten years ago by Protestants in these provinces, for missionary service in the South Sea.

The schooner Jane was driven ashore by a heavy sea on Prince Edward Island, on the 17th inst. There were fourteen on board; four perished from cold.

CALIFORNIA.

BOYLE'S CAMP, JULY LAKE, PENINSULA, June 3.—After writing my report yesterday, I rode to this camp and dispatched by courier. The captives and the captor remained at Applegate's ranch. Before night came, Capt. Jack, the murderer of Gen. Taylor, and Scotchman, Meacham's mutilator, were trussed together and placed with other prisoners in a small building adjoining Applegate's house, under a strong guard.

Neither Jack nor Scotchman spoke a word, not a muscle in Jack's face moved. Scotchman protested against the indignity, and in behalf of his fellow captives said that none of them intended to escape even if opportunity offered. He obtained but little satisfaction, and retired in disgust.

Warm Spring Indians, evening services of the day, were held at the camp. The captives, instead thereof they had a glorious dance until midnight. They leaped and howled about a fire, and indulged in other frantic demonstrations of delight.

The efforts to christianize the Warm Spring Indians have been eminently successful. Most of them are members of the Methodist Church. They overflow with fervor. All the military force will be united at this point.

The cord of Gen. Canby's hat was found in Jack's satchel.

Col. Green's capture was made in Oregon, and Col. Perry in California. The question now is, what will be done with the Modocs? (Signed) BUNKER.

Fairchild's Ranch, June 3.—3 p.m.—Today I paid a visit to Old Sloop, on one of the small islands in Little Klamath Lake, and the old Indian told me that he had five Modoc children in the island, and would surrender them to John Fairchild as soon as he had returned from Clear Lake. We saw one of the Indians, Tykes Jack. He was badly wounded, and will probably die. Fairchild has just returned, and to-morrow we will go to the last of the Modocs. (Signed) MCKAY.

OREGON.

VIGOROUS MEASURES TO BE TAKEN. PORTLAND, Oreg., June 4.—Copy of telegram sent to Washington, D.C., June 4, 1873.—To the Secretary of War, Washington, D.C.—As to the Modoc outlaws now in custody of the U.S. military authorities, I most respectfully request that you cause to be indicted in the Circuit Court of Jackson Co., Oregon, for the crime of murder, who are not amenable to military execution, be delivered to the civil authorities of this State for trial and punishment.

Editor Standard.—The great question around town to-day has been—What has induced B. Brodick to take up the cudgels in favor of the Spring Ridge Water Company? Why, the question is easily answered. B. Brodick has a large tank on his wharf for the reception of water, which at present is filled by the S. R. W. Co.; from this tank B. Brodick supplies shipping with an advance of something like one hundred per cent. on the S. R. W. Co.'s charge. Out of B. B.'s water supply and you cut off about \$150 per month from his profits. Mr. B. Brodick may have no interest in the S. R. W. Co., but he has a great interest in keeping his water tank filled. The inhabitants of Victoria ought to be very grateful for Mr. B.'s interference on their behalf!!!

WATER PIPE.

And now Canada has it.

(Portland Bulletin.) And now we may console ourselves. Our beloved country has no monopoly of this thing. Charges of corruption on the part of the Government have been made in the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa, and there is the inevitable Committee of Investigation. It is charged by the Opposition that Government took, through Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbott, the neat little sum of three hundred thousand dollars to carry the last general election. Witnesses are summoned, and the investigation is to come up in August. Next, it is charged that corrupt measures have been used to hold a majority of the House to fidelity to the Government. Opposition leaders say they will make it strictly. But Government maintain a bold and compact majority, which indicates that the three hundred thousand was "put where it would do most good."

Water.—The N. W. Herald says the Enterprise on her trip before last brought down a cargo of Fraser river water for use here.

Baroque Modoc Despatches.

"THE MODOC SWARMED WITH MODOC"—PARA-
FRASES OF THE BATTLE DESCRIBED BY
CURIOUS REPORTERS.

The Nashville Banner folks have read the despatch from the lava-beds, furnished by the gushing and imaginative reporters, until they could not be content without a "battle" would figure as the forty-five Modocs district ten miles square, and as they set their machines at work to manufacture some despatches one day when there was a hill in the way the Tennessee man tells it:

"Owing to the temporary indisposition of the press reporter at San Francisco, we are without our usual quota of war bulletins from Yreka this morning. But fortunately the Modocs are working from the vicinity of the lava-beds, and our editors are quite as romantic if not so intense. With due interest, not to be disconcerted by trivial mishaps, we are determined our readers shall not be left with ignorance about the situation. We shall in the sequence of the War Department that in no instance shall our reports be actively continued, while communication with this office is cut off. The following are the latest bulletins to hand:"

Yreka, April 29, 8 p.m.—The morning was, as usual, bright and followed by a lurid flash from the camp-fire where the Modocs were "biling," their shirts for dress-parade. The reflection of the sun upon the Commander-in-Chief's sabre, as he was wheeled in the lead, brought across the sole of his high-top boots, brogan, as the Modocs of hard-luck in the boys' teeth as they were doing away their rations for a ten days' march, presented a pagan that beggars description. Suddenly, at a signal from the heaving, there was a precipitate withdrawal of the lava-beds amid of the demagogical laughter of the Modocs, who had vacated them about two weeks previous, and were observing the maneuver of the Modocs about sixteen miles toward Yreka. A rigorous quarantine of the infected district has been established.

COVERING THE ENEMY WAS NOT "OUR," WAS SO SUDDENLY STRUCK WITH CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS THAT HIS HEAD SWELLED BEFORE HE COULD WITHSTAND IT, AND HIS COMPRADES HAD TO CUT HIM OFF CLOSE TO THE ANTERIOR TO RESCUE HIM, AND TOOK HIM BACK TO THE CAMP, WHERE THE ASSISTANT SURGEON PROCEEDED AT ONCE TO "PUT A HEAD ON HIM."

Yreka, 10 a.m.—Colonel Perry fell over a cracker barrel, when the excitement was at its height, and barked a big one at his own big as squarer. He will show the enemy no quarter from date. But he has, meanwhile, been court-martialed for shirking. The report of the Modocs is being celebrated at this hour by a grand dinner at headquarters. Conspicuous in the bill of fare were the following commensal dishes: "Oregon gopher soup, a la Gopher," "Oregon beef, a la Modoc."

Yreka, 12:30 p.m.—While the army was at dinner we were surprised by a charge of Modoc squaws, armed with breast-loading cotton umbrellas.

"San Francisco, 2 p.m.—A deserter is just in from camp, where the squaws were repulsed with showers of hard tack and Bologna sausages, but not before they had captured and carried off with them a couple of canteens of water.

"San Francisco, Midnight.—Experienced retired military savant at the first-day beer saloon here command with much severity upon the want of precaution which lost us two canteens of water, and thus gave the enemy a considerable advantage, needlessly prolonging this cruel conflict.

"LATER.—San Francisco.—Half-past midnight.—A Yreka courier has just arrived, who states that the canteens were filled with old Bourbon, and hot water. This news had a fine effect upon the Stock Exchange.

"San Francisco, 3 a.m.—A Yreka courier will reach here in the morning, who brings particulars and details of the last battle. Among other incidents mentioned by eye-witnesses was the capture of a squaw, who choked herself in the endeavor to eat two army biscuits at once, and was scalped in the very act, and so the spot.

"P. S.—The female prisoner was not scalped. It was the chicken which came off in the hands of her captor, who has been promoted. The squaws are still in the lava beds, with no possible avenue of escape, and no water handy.

"P. S.—One of our men, who was captured by the Modoc squaws, has just escaped from the clutches of the Modocs, in consequence of the whole army. He effected his escape by crawling through a port-hole in the rear line of the lava-beds. As he went through a glacial squaw "belated" him with just below the suspenders with a hickory barrel stave and tore his trousers to shreds. His bifurcated habiliments have been patched, and he now goes on crutches, misery depicted on his countenance, and a correct map of the seat of war on his rear.

"But the cry goes up from the universal heart of the army. 'This indignation shall be fearfully avenged.' A great battle may be expected if not hourly, some time between the Modocs and the Philadelphia Continental."

The Atlantic Steam Fleet.

The following is a list of the various European steam ship lines which ply regularly to New York:

	No. of ships	Tonnage.
Anchor Line.....	15	36,427
Baltic Lloyd.....	4	9,200
Cardif (Wells).....	3	8,000
Conrad.....	23	59,308
Direct Hollandian.....	5	4,000
General Transatlantic (Fr.).....	5	17,000
Hamburg-American.....	15	45,000
Imperial.....	12	31,811
Liverpool and Great	7	22,875
Marina Lloyd.....	10	26,900
Norfolk.....	12	50,062
North Atlantic.....	3	7,500
Star Line.....	6	23,904
Total.....	127	378,185

